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From: Julia Broome <gmkinpvd@gmail.com>
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To: House Finance Committee
Subject: Supporting URI RI Small Biz Dev Center additional funding request

Hello,

My name is Julia Broome. I am the Owner of Kin Southern Table + Bar. I opened Kin in Downtown Providence on March 30th, 2021; just one year after I was laid off from my job in Tradeshows due to the Pandemic. I had always wanted to own a restaurant. I realized early on that my career in Tradeshows would take awhile to recover. I decided to dedicate my "free time" during the pandemic to work on a business plan for restaurant.

After I completed my business plan, I turned to the Rhode Island Small Business Development Center to review my plan and double check my numbers. I worked with two advisors that read my plan and met with me through Zoom. They were honest, knowledgeable, and encouraging. They offered pointers on areas of improvement as well as resources to find the funding for my project.

Without RISBDC's help and guidance, there is no way that I would have had the confidence to pursue my dream of opening Kin during the pandemic. RISBDC needs funding to help other dreamers like myself. It is small business owners that keep Rhode Island going – we create jobs, stimulate the local economy and strengthen our communities. Please support the RISBDC!

Kind Regards,

Julia

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